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WHEN MARKETS RULED.

Western Ideas of Civilization Fast Making Head in Morocco. Retirement of Raisuli from active leadership in Morocco is only one more indication of the sudden impact of Western ideas upon a Mohammedan stronghold which remained untouched by outside influences up to ten years ago, says a bulletin of the National Geographic society.

Such contact displays amazing incongruities to the traveler through this region, which only yesterday was "forbidden land" to the Christian. Brass bedsteads and grandfather clocks are set up against walls of exquisite mosaic and intricate arabesque patterns. Arabs pitch their tents at the foot of great wireless stations. Veiled women of the harem rise through new made streets in automobiles. The streets themselves are indicative of rapid change, for a few years ago no roads ran into Fez, and even yet some of the roads are so narrow that not even an animal, much less a vehicle, could squeeze through them.

"If one looks down upon Fez from an airplane, as flyers now do, it would seem to be a streetless city. Many of the narrow, aisle-like streets are latticed over to protect the hooded, ghost-like pedestrians from the sun. Others burrow under great estates by tunnels.

"Conspicuous figures on the business streets are water carriers with goat skin water bags. The stranger is puzzled when he notes that these carriers give freely of their supply to every one who asks without demanding a fee. Later he learns that the merchants along the street pay the carriers and, recalling that any American department store provides a drinking fountain, he gains an inkling that trade carries its burden of service into far away places. Thirst for this water is somewhat assuaged when the visitor learns that the pots in which the water is collected are made by the lepers who live in fan-like caves just outside the city walls.

"Perhaps the gayest sight of a Moroccan city is a funeral. The wife has been hidden to the world in every honor in death. She is borne aloft in a great carved box of many colors and behind her sing choral societies organized to follow funerals. A mere man is swathed in cloth and bound to a board. He has no box.

"A marriage register in the Moroccan Bradstreet. A sultan who had attained great eminence abdicated some years ago, leaving 300 wives behind, but took 50 with him for so-called in his exile. The more pretentious houses of Fez are built around a courtyard, with tiny rooms opening out upon the court, resembling the setting of a room in some little theater.

"The court in a Moroccan home passes through the court with its inevitable fountain, laying off his shoes before the dining room compartment, as he would upon entering a Chinese temple, and sits down upon a cushion in his host. The host would oppose a serious breach of etiquette if he touched any food before the guest had finished his meal. After he has concluded one most particular request, and not until the feast is in the food he leaves the table. The wives, concealed, but attending to the upper floor.

"The Moroccan wife has somewhat of a reputation for movement than an American domestic. Friday afternoon is her day out, but the may go only to the cemetery then, from which they are excluded for the afternoon. However, to the Moroccan wife thinking. Markets are held in various ways the cities of Fez are busy for public parks.

"The streets are as numerous in Morocco as in Holland. The city is crisscrossed with tiny streams so that almost literally true that all Morocco has a waterway between the average American idea of a river, by virtue of the fact that in Fez Moroccan women are of the most interesting sights of the city followed out rocks, resembling a section of a honey-comb which leather is dipped in and stands in the mixture of rain without in-

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Delegation Meeting in Rock Hill.

A meeting of the York county legislative delegation, composed of Senator John R. Hart and Representatives W. R. Bradford, Erwin Carothers, J. E. Beasguard and J. L. Spratt, is being held to day at the Chamber of Commerce rooms in Rock Hill to give citizens of the county an opportunity to express to the delegation their wishes respecting matters they want brought up for consideration at the session of the General Assembly to begin on January 8. Heretofore the delegation meetings held in Rock Hill have been attended by few citizens, but this year there is said to be considerable interest in the Rock Hill community and other communities in the eastern section of the county over several matters of public concern and as a consequence the meeting today was expected to be attended by a large number of people. The annual meeting of the delegation at the court house in York will be set for Wednesday, January 3, it is understood.

L. M. Massey Worshipful Master.

At the November communication of Catawba lodge, No. 56, A. F. M., L. M. Massey was elected worshipful master for the Masonic year beginning on December 27, to succeed Dr. J. B. Elliott, who had been worshipful master of the lodge for the last two years. Mr. Massey is one of the younger members of the lodge and has shown much interest in its work since he became a member several years ago, having gone up to the chair through the successive stations. Other officers elected at the November communication were: F. M. Mack, senior warden; W. H. Nims, junior warden; A. L. Parks, treasurer; C. S. Link, secretary. The appointive officers announced at the November communication were: A. C. Lytle, senior deacon; S. A. Lee, junior deacon; J. B. McCandless and R. E. McKibben, stewards; J. L. Liles, tiler. All the new officers were installed at the November communication of the lodge.

HERE AND THERE.

Next Sunday night at the Fort Mill Presbyterian church members of the Sunday school and of the Christian Endeavor society will join in presenting a pageant, to which the people of the community generally are invited.

Yesterday was decidedly the coldest and otherwise the most disagreeable day of the fall. Rain fell during most of the day and freezing almost as fast as it fell, made it difficult to get about over the streets without danger of losing one's foothold.

The Fort Mill graded school closed at noon today for the Christmas holidays and will reopen Wednesday morning, January 3. All of the teachers who live in other sections of the State are leaving today or tomorrow for their homes: Miss Vivian Ellis for Silverstreet, Miss Mattie Matthews for Rock Hill, Miss Emma Anderson for Rock Hill, Miss Dorothy Buzhardt for Newberry and Miss Florence Lawrence for Florence.

Dr. J. B. Elliott Monday received a report from the State bacteriologist, whose headquarters are in Columbia, stating that the dog which ran amuck in Fort Mill Sunday afternoon, December 10, and bit the seven year old son of Furman Wells and a negro man was suffering from rabies. The dog was killed a short time after the boy and man were bitten and its head sent to the State bacteriologist for examination. The boy is now being given the Pasteur treatment by Dr. Elliott.

While there has been a diminution in the number of cases of influenza in Fort Mill this week as compared with the number of cases last week, the disease is yet to be found in numerous homes in the town. In several families there have been a number of cases at the same time and the town's two physicians have been hard pressed to respond to all the calls for their services. The effect of the presence of the disease in the community has been particularly noticeable in the decreased attendance of pupils at the graded school, which has been more than 50 per cent during the last ten days.

The continued rains of the last ten days have caused the roads of Fort Mill township and the streets of the town of Fort Mill to become all but impassable in many places for either horse-drawn or motor vehicles. Tom Hall street, one of the principal streets of the town, is literally a mud hole from one end to the other, and the country roads leading to the Gold Hill and Pleasant Valley communities are in equally as bad condition. One result of the condition of these roads will be that many people who would naturally come to Fort Mill to do their Christmas shopping will be unable to get here and their trade will go to Charlotte or elsewhere.

ROAD BONDS SOLD.

Chicago Concern Pays Premium for Fort Mill Township Issue.

Seventy-three thousand dollars worth of the \$75,000 Fort Mill township highway improvement bond issue voted in June, 1921, was sold by the highway commission Wednesday to the Hanchett Bond company of Chicago for par, accrued interest and a premium of \$1,375. The bonds were sold at auction at the First National bank in Fort Mill to the highest bidder and were knocked down to the Chicago concern after spirited bidding on the part of ten or more concerns who had representatives at the sale. The First National bank of Fort Mill was the only local bidder.

It is stated that the delay in disposing of the bonds was due to the fact that the highway commission, the members of which are Col. T. B. Spratt, W. B. Meacham and W. H. Crook, has been unable until recently to get a bond attorney to approve the entire amount of the issue.

Some sixty days ago the commission let the contract to a Winnsboro concern for \$25,000 for approximately eight miles of top soil roads leading from the town limits to the North Carolina line and from the western limits of the town to Baileys' bridge, the two local banks agreeing to finance the projects until the receipt of the proceeds of the bond sale.

As soon as the money is paid in for the bonds sold Wednesday the contract for the asphalt road which it is proposed to build through the town from the river bridge will be let by the State highway department at Columbia and at the same time and to the same contractor the street commission of Fort Mill will let the contract for the paving of Tom Hall street.

It was stated yesterday that it has been impossible for the street commission to do anything toward expending the \$30,000 received from the sale of the street bonds last September since two-thirds of this money will be expended under the supervision of the State highway commission, and the whole project was therefore held up awaiting the sale of the township bonds.

The township bond commission expects that the hard surface road from the river to Fort Mill will be built during the spring, and the balance of the road fund, consisting of approximately \$82,000 from the bonds, \$30,000 federal aid and \$10,000 from York county, will be expended during the summer in improving various roads in the township.

Effort to Revive Local I. O. O. F.

The Times is informed that an effort will be made within the next few weeks to revive Fort Mill lodge, No. 60, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which no meetings have been held for several years. At one time there were 115 members on the rolls of the lodge, many of whom are still living in Fort Mill, and it is thought that a number of these, as well as other citizens of the community, will welcome the opportunity to become connected with the order. Hon. Eugene S. Blease of Newberry is the present grand master of the order in South Carolina and Dr. F. S. Killingsworth of Columbia is grand secretary. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows is one of the oldest fraternal societies in the country. In South Carolina it has grown rapidly during the last few years and numbers in its ranks many of the leading citizens of the State.

Recalls Battle of Drainsville.

A. H. Merritt, Confederate veteran of Fort Mill, this morning recalled that yesterday was the 61st anniversary of the battle of Drainsville, Va., in which he received a wound that necessitated the amputation of his left arm, the battle having been fought on December 20, 1861. So far as is known by Mr. Merritt, he and James P. Epps, Sr., are the only surviving Confederate veterans living in this section who participated in the battle of Drainsville. Both were members of Company B, Sixth South Carolina regiment, which was made up largely of Fort Mill men.

NO 'TIMES' NEXT WEEK.

The Fort Mill Times will not be published next week. The next issue of the paper will appear during the first week in January, either on Tuesday, January 2, or on Thursday, January 4. The decision to omit next week's issue of The Times was reached reluctantly and would not have been reached at all but for the probable arrival within the next few days of a new linotype which the paper ordered several weeks ago and which cannot be installed without the loss of a few days.

MILLIONS SEEK NEW HOMES.

Great Masses of People Migrate in Stricken Near East.

The greatest migration in centuries is now in progress in the Near East, with more than 2 million human beings seeking new homes. The movement presents some of the most serious problems of relief, adjustment and reestablishment ever known in the time of peace. It is said that more than 1 million Greeks alone are fleeing from Asia Minor and eastern Thrace into Greece proper, parts of the two former countries now passing back to Turkish power.

An additional 300,000 Greeks must move westward and southward into southern Thrace and Macedonia under the decision of the Lausanne conference, recently reached. This total of 1,300,000 men, women and children does not include the hundreds of thousands of Armenians who, on the theory apparently reached by the conference that it is impossible for Armenian and Turk to dwell side by side in peace, must "move on," but where the conference did not appear to have a clear idea.

The inevitable solution of this modern problem of mass migration, which recalls the great migrations of history, was conceived by statesmen on all hands within the disturbed area, to be the United States, hitherto the greatest absorber of immigrants in the world. But the barrier established by the percentage quota interfered with these calculations.

In addition to these movements from Asia Minor into Europe and from Constantinople westward, a heavy movement, including hundreds of thousands of Bulgarians, is under way from western Macedonia to southern Thrace into Bulgaria, already seriously harassed by successive influxes of refugees from Macedonia and Eodrudja. In addition, half a million Turks are on their way from Greece, southern Thrace and Macedonia. The problem of rehabilitating the peoples involved in this great movement affects vitally at least three governments, Greece, Turkey and Bulgaria.

Most of the people to be repatriated are to be distributed throughout Anatolia, to till the fields that are being abandoned by Greeks and Armenians. For Greece the problem is much more difficult, amounting to a critical situation. The depleted condition of the Greek treasury after a crushing military defeat at the hands of the Turks is a serious element in the situation.

To meet this situation in part, Greece is expatriating thousands of Bulgarian farmers who have lived in Macedonia and southern Thrace for centuries. The Greek pressure upon the Bulgarians, like the Turkish pressure on the Greeks, is reacting tragically upon Bulgaria.

It is estimated that at the end of the second Balkan war Bulgaria, with its population of a little more than about 400,000 refugees from Greek and Serbian Macedonia. Bulgaria had hardly absorbed that first influx of immigrants of her own race when the entrance of the Greek armies into western Thrace sent another wave of immigration fleeing across the eastern frontier.

As in the case of migrations of olden days, when great numbers fled before approaching conquerors, the present day migrations is a story of death, starvation and suffering. Little children and aged men and women in particular are the victims to the greatest extent. Added to the horrors of disease, pestilence and starvation is the fact that many families were broken up before the wandering began.

Why Owls Come Out at Night.

The habits of the members of the animal kingdom are governed to a large extent by their surroundings or those of the prey upon which they live. Seagulls, for example, can dive a considerable distance under water and catch the fish which form the principal part of their diet, while a chicken would starve if forced to depend upon this method of obtaining food. So it is with owls, which generally make their appearance only after dark. Owls feed mainly upon mice and other small creatures which are active at night. Therefore, the owl, which has developed a soft plumage that makes its flight almost noiseless, comes out after sunset in search of its food. It is also because of this habit that the owl's eyes, like the cat's, are so made that the pupil can be dilated until the bird is able to make use of every particle of light available and while owls cannot see in absolute darkness, they are able to utilize the faintest rays of light to such an extent that they can spot and catch their prey unerringly.

The automobile driver who crashes into a telegraph pole always claims he blew his horn.

Banquet for Masons.

Members of Catawba lodge, No. 56, A. F. M., are looking forward with pleasure to the annual banquet of the lodge to be given next Thursday evening, December 28, in the auditorium of the Fort Mill high school. The banquet will be prepared and served by the domestic science class of the school, under the direction of Miss Emma Anderson, and a general invitation has been extended to Masons who are here at the time, whether they are members of Catawba lodge or not, to attend the banquet. Decision to hold the banquet on December 28 was reached at the November meeting of the lodge and a committee was appointed to arrange the details. The regular December communication of the lodge also will be held on the evening of December 28, beginning at 6 o'clock, and after the transaction of business, including the conferring of degrees, the members will march from the lodge rooms to the auditorium for the banquet.

Recalls Burned Building.

"It would be interesting to know what percentage of the people now living in Fort Mill know that prior to the erection of the old brick gin-house on Academy street, about two blocks from Main street, the site it occupies was formerly the site of a large frame building which was used as a flour mill and which was burned about 35 years ago," yesterday said a Fort Mill citizen. "The flour mill was the property of the late Capt. S. E. White and was built when the old White mill on Steel creek, two miles from town, was abandoned many years ago. I remember distinctly that the flour mill caught fire one day about noon and was in a few minutes reduced to ashes. At the time I was a pupil at the Fort Mill academy and Prof. Banks allowed us to leave the building to watch the blaze."

Order Against Speeders.

Horace Johnson, State constable, a few days ago received a letter from Governor Harvey instructing him to keep a sharp lookout for speeders on the concrete road between Fort Mill and Rock Hill and to arrest every person caught violating the speed laws of the State. Numerous complaints are said to have recently gone to the governor regarding the fast and reckless driving of automobiles on the concrete road and the governor has therefore given Constable Johnson orders to see that it is stopped.

Under the State law the speed limit on public highways is 25 miles an hour, the statute also requiring that drivers of motor cars slow down to 10 miles an hour in passing other vehicles and to come to a full stop should an animal attached to a vehicle show signs of fright. It is said that most of those driving motor vehicles on the concrete road violate the State speed law.

Power Curtailment at End.

Presumably, the Fort Mill cotton mills stood Tuesday for the last time for the present on account of shortage of electric power due to low water in the Catawba river, the Southern Power company Tuesday night having announced from its head offices in Charlotte that the curtailment of electric power for mills in this section was put into effect on November 27 and discontinued yesterday. Under the curtailment plan the various cotton mills operating on power furnished by the company had been suspending operations one day each week, the local mills on Tuesdays.

The shortage of electric power affected mills in York, Spartanburg, Cherokee, Lancaster, Chester, Newberry, Greenwood, Anderson, Greenville, Pickens and Oconee counties in South Carolina, besides numerous mills in North Carolina.

McLendon's Father Dead.

Thomas A. McLendon, father of the Rev. B. F. McLendon, better known as "Cyclone Mack," the evangelist who has held many meetings in this State and in North Carolina, died Tuesday at his home in Bennettsville. Mr. McLendon was 71 years old and had suffered for the last six months from cancer of the stomach, to which his death was attributed.

Ice Mile and a Half Thick.

Greenland is a land of ice. Ice has been accumulating in the interior of Greenland since the dawn of history. It is estimated that at present the ice fields cover an area of 600,000 miles and are on an average of a mile and a half thick.

Permission has been granted by the authorities of Fort Mill for the discharge of fireworks in the town on December 25 and 26. It is stated that the police officers have been instructed to make cases against persons who discharge fireworks in town before or after these dates.

URGES SOBER CHRISTMAS.

Correspondent Hopes People Will Forego Whiskey Drinking. Editor Fort Mill Times:

It will be a fine thing for Fort Mill and vicinity if we get through the holidays with a record of no drunkenness, no accidents, no fights and every one loving each other January 1st. Let everybody try. It has always been astonishing to me why some folks deliberately select the day upon which the Savior of us all was born to get drunk and fight and get fined for various offenses. It's a great honor to God—is it not?—as He looks down, or walks among us, to see a thing, made in His image, staggering along some back alley street or lonely muddy road in (honor?) of the greatest day the world ever knew or can ever know. If you must get drunk, and be a hog, then go off in some dark corner of the woods and stay there with the other "varmints" until it is over.

Whiskey has caused the fools who drink it to murder each other—even brothers kill each other, when drunk. One dies and the other later goes to the electric chair. Whiskey has filled our jails and penitentiaries. Did you ever hear of whiskey getting a man out of jail or off the gang? Whiskey has made many a man lose a fine position; did you ever know of it getting this man another fine job? Did you ever hear of whiskey restoring the beauty and brightness of a young girl's innocent face?

There has been enough booze guzzled in Fort Mill since the town was founded to fill every mud hole in town with \$20 gold pieces. Yet they are planning this moment—some of them—"to get some likker for Kris-mas. I ain't had none in so long, I'm gonna have me some, I don't care what they say." Yet some are so poor they can't get their children school dresses, and I hear them bragging about how much whiskey they have succeeded in getting from some devilish bootlegger. Christmas morning they'll get up early, holler a few times, abuse their wives and kids, and themselves worst of all, and then dodge some merchant they have been owing for months for groceries, and get mad at the merchant 'cause he owes him, and go right on down street and pass a blind Confederate soldier playing sweet music for a few pennies, without even seeing him, and remark that "I don't see why the State don't take care of such folks as hat."

Some folks don't know a chicken would get bogged down on the Fort Mill streets (I saw this near Neil Bradford's store today), and neither do they know that the whiskey bill of the nation would pave 12 roads 30 feet wide from the Atlantic to the Pacific every year. So don't get drunk this Christmas, but go home, kiss your wife and baby (if you have any), pat your dog on the head and don't act so the cat will run through the window at your approach, and see if you don't look out upon a fairer and sweeter world January 1st.

I hope our law officers will be "on the job" to watch for bootleggers this season. I saw a white man in a Ford car meet a negro in a buggy between Fort Mill and the river two days ago and the negro handed over a bottle of some sort. I don't think it was water. That shows what his doing in that line all over York county. I heard a man in Rock Hill remark yesterday that there must be at least 1,000 gallons of whiskey in Rock Hill "this moment." Is it any wonder that our good old men are wondering what is to become of our country? How we shall miss these good old men and women—they are the salt of the earth, they are the balance that keeps things from running wilder than they are. So let us all be better and kinder to each other this Christmas, and remember that the moonlight will soon shine on a gravestone, and that gravestone will be yours or mine. Benj. M. Lee.

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New Trains on Southern.

Two new passenger trains were put into service last Sunday on the Columbia division of the Southern railway. The new trains are known as Nos. 3 and 6, the former passing Fort Mill going south at 6:20 a. m. and the latter, going north, at 6:17 p. m. The new trains do not mean an improvement in the passenger service for citizens of Fort Mill. On the contrary, the schedules of the new trains are less convenient for this community than were the schedules of trains 31 and 32, both of which are still in operation, but neither of which now stops at Fort Mill to take on or let off local passengers.

Remember the good old days when we used the flour sacks to make a bed for the children?

The woman who married old Bill the other day should have worn some blossoms.